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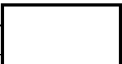
1. Attached for your information is a copy of the press release by the SALT Task Force/Office of the Secretary of Defense to the DoD Public Relations Office. Except for the underlined addition, it is word for word as provided by CIA and the DIA SALT Task Force.

2. The DoD SALT Task Force does not know at this date whether it has been officially released or not. In any case, Secretary Rumsfeld's press conference of last week essentially provided the same information in a different format and the SALT Task Force has no plans to seek the release of the attached article.

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A US early warning satellite system recently detected several events in remote areas of the Soviet Union which contains no military installations. Analysis of these events essentially eliminates initial concerns that lasers were being used against the satellite system. Instead the events are believed to have occurred as a result of several large fires along Soviet natural gas pipelines. These events were local in nature and did not reduce the satellite system's ability to provide early warning of ballistic missile launchers.